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Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20054

Re: *Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 160(c) to Accelerate Investment in Broadband and Next-Generation Networks*, WC Docket No. 18-141

Dear Ms. Dortch,

The California ISP Association ("CISPA") represents Internet Service Providers across the state of California. Many of us have long histories stretching back to the earliest days of the internet. We have continued to innovate and compete in the marketplace, bringing many benefits to our communities. Independent ISPs serve hundreds of thousands of consumers around the state in rural areas, large cities and everything in between.

Our members rely heavily on the infrastructure being considered in this petition and changes would have an enormously harmful effect on our businesses. In turn, it could have a strong negative effect on the competitive market for communications services, affecting both residences and a wide swath of businesses, from farms to high-tech companies. In our service areas they would have limited choice of provider — often no choice at all.

To move forward with the forbearance petition will eliminate the competition and thus eliminate the pressure currently on the ILECS to continue to innovate in service and price.

This petition should be carefully reviewed. We file this letter in support of the *Motion for Extension of Time* ("Motion") filed by INCOMPAS in the above docketed proceeding. We would appreciate your consideration as parties with an important stake in this matter.

Please feel free to contact us if you'd like more information on this issue.

Thank you,

Christopher Frost
President, California ISP Association